

CHILD CUSTODY TASK FORCE

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Robles

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Child Custody Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ creates a Child Custody Task Force to evaluate whether Utah's custody laws are in the best interests of children; and

▶ designates three members of the Senate and four members of the House of Representatives to serve on the task force.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2011.

Uncodified Material Affected:

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. **Child Custody Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Interim rules followed -- Staff.**

(1) There is created the Child Custody Task Force consisting of the following seven members:



28 (a) three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
29 two of whom may be from the same political party; and

30 (b) four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
31 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party.

32 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
33 under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

34 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
35 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

36 (3) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative
37 interim committees.

38 (4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance
39 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Expense and Mileage
40 Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override
41 Sessions.

42 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
43 to the task force.

44 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

45 (1) The task force shall:

46 (a) review and make recommendations on Utah's divorce laws regarding child custody;

47 (b) investigate methods and procedures used in other states, including joint legal
48 custody and joint physical custody;

49 (c) investigate legislative options to ensure that Utah's laws serve the best interests of
50 children; and

51 (d) propose legislation for consideration during the 2012 General Session if
52 amendment or modification of current law is in the best interests of children.

53 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented to the
54 Judiciary Interim Committee before November 30, 2011.

55 **Section 3. Repeal date.**

56 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2011.

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